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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 6 and 7, as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus which can be connected to a sheet processing apparatus having a plurality of sheet storage trays of which positions are changeable, and has a plurality of operation modes including at least two modes from among a copy mode, an image communication mode, and a printer mode, said apparatus, comprising:

first setting means for setting a relationship between each of operation modes and each of sheet storage trays, where, when the image forming apparatus works in an operation mode, a sheet storage tray assigned to the working operation mode is moved to ~~a sheet discharge position of the image forming apparatus~~ an output position of the sheet processing apparatus;

second setting means for manually setting one operation mode from among the operation modes as an auto-clear mode and storing information specifying the operation mode set as the auto-clear mode;

determination means for determining whether a no-operation state by an operator continues for a predetermined time after the processing of an operation mode has been completed;

auto-clear operation means for automatically setting the image forming apparatus to the operation mode set as the auto-clear mode on the basis of a determination result of said determination means; and